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1. On 2 January 700 North Korean troops were on a plateau at Yongam-ni (127-02, 37-50), keeping close liaison with an undetermined number of Chinese Communist troops in the area. A liaison team of 10 persons (rank or branch unknown), using visual signal devices up to within 100 yards of the UN position, gave signal flares for the attack.
2. The North Korean troops, who were in the area north of Seoul and in the city between 2 and 6 January, were lacking weapons and ammunition, and were using troops and civilians for transport. Because of the shortages, they were ordered not to use their weapons except in an emergency in combat zones, the troops were prohibited from entering the villages and were ordered to move through the mountainous areas in small groups. At rest, the troops were sheltered in dugouts covered with straw and branches in order to evade air detection. North Korean troops frequently donned ROK uniforms to deceive UN forces.
3. The Chinese Communists in the same area at the same time were short of food and were plundering refugees and residents. After gorging, the Chinese Communists were capable of marching 2 to 3 days without food. The Chinese raped and murdered refugees, leaving the dead hanging by the roadside.
4. The Chinese Communist and North Korean troops use the following evasive tactics in order to minimize air damage:
  - a. They maintain spaces between vehicles in convoy; infantry troops accompany all convoys; signals to disperse are closely coordinated for both groups.
  - b. The Chinese Communist troops disperse into the hills in groups of five in such a manner that they are able to reassemble and continue the march with the minimum loss of time; some climb into the branches of pine trees to evade detection from any angle.

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